

the Delivery System"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7121. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2008-65) received on July 9, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7122. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change to Office to Which Notices of Nonjudicial Sale and Request for Return of Wrongfully Levied Property Must Be Sent" (RIN1545-BF54)(TD 9410) received on July 9, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7123. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coordinated Issue: Supplemental Environmental Projects" (LMSB-04-0608-036) received on July 10, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7124. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Escrow Accounts, Trusts, and Other Funds Used During Deferred Exchanges of Like-Kind Property" (TD 9413) received on July 9, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7125. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a certification of the proposed transfer of the Baseline Phase 1R Aegis combat system equipment to several companies; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7126. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the export of defense articles to Taiwan for the development of the 721S VHF and UHF receiver-transmitter radio and an equipment cabinet; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7127. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of an application for a license for the transfer of defense articles to South Africa in support of the manufacture of the RG-33 Family of Military Vehicles; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7128. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semi-annual Report for the period of October 1, 2007, through March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7129. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program—Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers—Final Priorities" received on July 10, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7130. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers

Program—Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers—Final Priorities" received on July 10, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7131. A communication from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Community Services Block Grant Statistical Report and Report on Performance Outcomes for Fiscal Year 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7132. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems: Definition of the New Orleans, Louisiana, Appropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Area" (RIN3206-AL68) received on July 10, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7133. A communication from the Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the implementation of the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission for the period from October 1, 2007, to December 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7134. A communication from the Program Manager, Information Sharing Environment, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Annual Report to the Congress on the Information Sharing Environment"; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-7135. A communication from the Deputy White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Florida, received on July 10, 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7136. A communication from the Board of Trustees, National Tropical Botanical Garden, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Audit Report for calendar year 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 3254. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow banks to be taxed as limited liability companies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 3255. A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to provide for the oversight of large trades of over-the-counter energy and agricultural contracts to prevent price manipulation and excessive speculation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. REID (for Mrs. BOXER):

S. 3256. A bill to provide a supplemental funding source for catastrophic emergency wildland fire suppression activities on Department of the Interior and National Forest System lands, to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to develop a cohesive wildland fire management strategy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 3257. A bill to extend immigration programs to promote legal immigration and for other purposes; read the first time.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 439

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation.

S. 450

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 450, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 604

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 604, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to limit increases in the certain costs of health care services under the health care programs of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

S. 803

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 803, a bill to repeal a provision enacted to end Federal matching of State spending of child support incentive payments.

S. 1183

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1183, a bill to enhance and further research into paralysis and to improve rehabilitation and the quality of life for persons living with paralysis and other physical disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1287

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1287, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an offset against income tax refunds to pay for State judicial debts that are past-due.

S. 1932

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1932, a bill to amend the Small Business Act to increase SBIR and STTR program expenditures.

S. 2182

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2182, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to mental health services.

S. 2369

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2369, a bill to amend title